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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 8, 2009**. The long hoped for break in the rains finally arrived last week. Producers across the state seized this opportunity to harvest their already delayed crops; as a result, steep climbs in harvest progress were reported for all crops. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short 56 percent adequate and 43 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 11/08/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	99	94	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	99	98	100	100
Cotton, harvested	52	14	89	95
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	100	100	100	100
Peanuts, harvested	70	20	92	--
Rice, harvested	97	85	100	100
Sorghum, harvested	96	72	99	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	82	64	97	99
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	42	38	99	94
Winter Wheat, planted	31	13	63	51
Winter Wheat, emerged	13	5	29	29

Crop condition for week ending 11/08/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	16	18	32	31	3
Cotton	22	26	37	15	0
Livestock	1	13	33	42	11
Pasture	1	17	38	40	4
Peanuts	7	30	37	23	3
Sorghum	12	29	45	14	0
Soybeans	26	19	31	20	4
Sweet Potatoes	32	34	26	8	0

Comments

“Growers had a good week to harvest and made good progress. We need some more sunshine.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Significant progress was made in corn and soybean harvest.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“We got seven days in the field for harvest work and some fall tillage work. Cotton harvest is going faster than normal due to poor yields. Many acres of soybeans will not be harvested due to severe weather damage.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Harvest has gotten close to being completed in all but a few fields. Quality has suffered in all crops from the long wet spell. A good many soybeans are being stored in bags in the field due to damage.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“This week of dry weather really made a difference in getting crops out; both cotton and peanuts were harvested at a feverish pace.”

— Mike Steede, George

“This past week of dry weather helped considerably on finishing hay harvest, ryegrass planting, and drying out water logged winter pastures!”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“The dry spell last week allowed some row-crop and hay harvest but we still have a long way to go until harvesting is finished.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Many farmers finished harvesting rice and soybeans this past week. The ones that finished are lending a hand to others who are still lacking a little more. A few farmers have planted some winter wheat and others are working drier ground.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“Farmers are all hustling to get what's left of their crops out under severely adverse conditions. Saturated soils are making this effort difficult to say the least. The quality of all crops, especially soybeans, is pitiful.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“We had a good week to harvest crops. Yields were average and above but quality is not so good.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“The pickers are rolling as fast as they can. We are getting three-fourths of a bale to a bale. What beans are salvageable are being cut. By the time you figure dockage on what we can get, we are going to be a about a 75% loss on beans.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Farmers are finally getting back in fields; but with difficulty because of saturated soil conditions. A lot of damage is being done to land, equipment, and other farm assets in the rush to complete harvesting.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

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(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/08/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	74	41	57	56	1	0.00	-1.13	0	8.11				
Cleveland	74	43	58	57	1	0.00	-1.11	0	4.13				
Lambert 1W	75	41	58			0.00	-1.05	0	8.07				
Tunica 2N	74	44	59	55	4	0.00	-1.14	0	7.17				
Extreme/Average	75	41	58	56	2	0.00	-1.12	0	6.87				
North-Central													
Batesville 2SW	76	38	56	55	1	0.00	-1.15	0	7.73				
Calhoun City	75	38	55	55		0.00	-0.96	0	6.37				
Hickory Flat	76	35	53	53		0.00	-1.13	0	5.90				
Holly Springs 4N	75	32	53	53		0.00	-1.16	0	4.66				
Independence	74	37	54	54		0.00	-1.00	0	7.01				
Oxford	75	36	56	54	2	0.00	-1.13	0	7.30				
Water Valley	73	38	55	55	0	0.00	-1.17	0	7.32				
Extreme/Average	76	32	55	55		0.00	-1.10	0	6.61				
Northeast													
Booneville	72	35	53	54	-1	0.00	-1.12	0	5.99				
Corinth 7SW	74	36	53	56	-3	0.00	-1.15	0	4.96				
Tupelo 2	74	38	56			0.00	0.00	0	6.53				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	73	39	55	56	-1	0.00	-0.96	0	8.66				
Verona	73	38	55	55		0.00	-0.93	0	7.32				
Extreme/Average	74	35	55	55		0.00	-1.10	0	6.69				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	75	43	60	58	2	0.00	-1.13	0	6.38				
Rolling Fork	77	43	60	58	2	0.00	-1.06	0	10.65				
Yazoo City 5NNE	77	45	61	59	2	0.00	-1.12	0	11.15				
Extreme/Average	77	43	60	58	2	0.00	-1.11	0	9.39				
Central													
Canton 4N	75	37	56	58	-2	0.00	-1.14	0	7.23				
Eupora 2E	76	37	55	55	0	0.00	-1.08	0	6.60				
Forest 3S	76	33	56	58	-2	0.00	-1.15	0	5.64				
Kosciusko	73	40	56	57	-1	0.00	-1.18	0	8.76				
Winona 5E	73	36	54	53	1	0.00	-1.02	0	8.36				
Extreme/Average	76	33	55	57	-2	0.00	-1.11	0	7.32				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	73	39	55	55		0.00	-1.02	0	9.77				
Brooksville Exp	81	42	59			0.00	-0.98	0	6.42				
Columbus	74	39	56	57	-1	0.00	-1.08	0	6.37				
Macon	74	37	54	56	-2	0.00	-1.13	0	8.95				
Philadelphia	77	39	58	57	1	0.00	-1.17	0	3.13				
State University	75	37	56	57	-1	0.00	-0.99	0	8.59				
Extreme/Average	81	37	56	57	-1	0.00	-1.07	0	7.36				
Southwest													
Brookhaven City	77	39	58	59	-1	0.00	-0.97	0	5.88				
Crystal SPRG Exp	77	39	60	60	0	0.00	-0.92	0	5.81				
Natchez	77	39	58	61	-3	0.00	-1.17	0	5.89				
Port Gibson 1NE	76	39	57	57	0	0.00	-1.07	0	11.16				
Vicksburg	76	43	59			0.00	0.00	0	8.54				
Extreme/Average	77	39	58	59	-1	0.00	-1.07	0	7.46				
South-Central													
Collins	74	38	56	59	-3	0.00	-1.03	0	3.85				
Columbia	80	41	60	60		0.00	-1.02	0	6.18				
Monticello	77	38	57	58	-1	0.00	-1.04	0	4.84				
Raleigh 6N	74	35	55			0.00	0.00	0	5.17				
Extreme/Average	80	35	57	59	-2	0.00	-1.04	0	5.01				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	76	41	59	60	-1	0.00	-1.14	0	3.18				
Laurel	77	37	57	59	-2	0.00	-1.01	0	2.70				
Waynesboro 2W	77	39	59	58	1	0.00	-1.03	0	2.35				
Extreme/Average	77	37	58	59	-1	0.00	-1.05	0	2.74				
Coastal													
Biloxi	79	48	64	63	1	0.00	-1.00	0	2.09				
Wiggins	77	39	59	61	-2	0.00	-1.02	0	4.01				
Extreme/Average	79	39	61	62	-1	0.00	-1.03	0	3.05				
State	81	32	57	58	-1	0.00	-1.07	0	6.25				

DFN = Departure from Normal.